

**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

1. (canceled)
2. (previously presented) A method for processing information according to claim 11, wherein  
the predetermined processing changes a character form of the character data.
3. (previously presented) A method for processing information according to claim 11, wherein  
the predetermined processing changes a control code of the speech information.
4. (previously presented) A method for processing information according to claim 11, wherein  
the identified characteristic is emotion.
5. (previously presented) A method for processing information according to claim 11, further comprising:  
sending the character data processed by the predetermined processing to a network.
- 6.- 10. (canceled)
11. (previously presented) A method for processing speech information of a speaker, comprising:  
accessing voiceprint information relating to a voiceprint of speech information;  
identifying a characteristic of the speaker based upon the voiceprint information;  
generating a control command in dependence upon the characteristic of the speaker;  
converting the speech information to character data; and

subjecting the character data to predetermined processing in dependence upon the control command.

12. (previously presented) An apparatus for processing speech information of a speaker, comprising:

a control signal generator jointly responsive to the speech information and stored voiceprint information relating to a voiceprint of speech information and generating a control command in dependence upon a characteristic of the speaker; and

a converter converting the speech information to character data, the converter producing character data with predetermined processing depending upon the control command so that the character data is processed according to the characteristic of the speaker.

13. (previously presented) A computer-readable recording medium in which is recorded program for processing speech information, the program to be executed on a computer, the information processing program comprising:

a portion for accessing voiceprint information relating to a voiceprint of speech information;

a portion identifying a characteristic of a speaker based upon the voiceprint information;

a portion generating a control command in dependence upon the characteristic of the speaker;

a portion converting the speech information to character data; and

a portion subjecting character data to predetermined processing in dependence upon the control command.

14. (previously presented) A computer for processing speech information, the computer containing a program comprising:

a portion for accessing voiceprint information relating to a voiceprint of speech information;

a portion identifying a characteristic of a speaker based upon the voiceprint information;

a portion generating a control command in dependence upon the characteristic of the speaker;

a portion converting the speech information to character data; and

a portion subjecting character data to predetermined processing in dependence upon the control command.

15. - 17. Canceled.

18. (previously presented) An information transmission method, comprising:

a first information processing process comprising the steps of capturing input speech information, changing the input speech information to character data, and sending the character data to a network including a remote server as; and

a second information processing process comprising the steps of receiving character data via the network, and changing the character data to speech information.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the second information processing process further comprises the step of outputting the received character data and the input speech information changed to from character data.